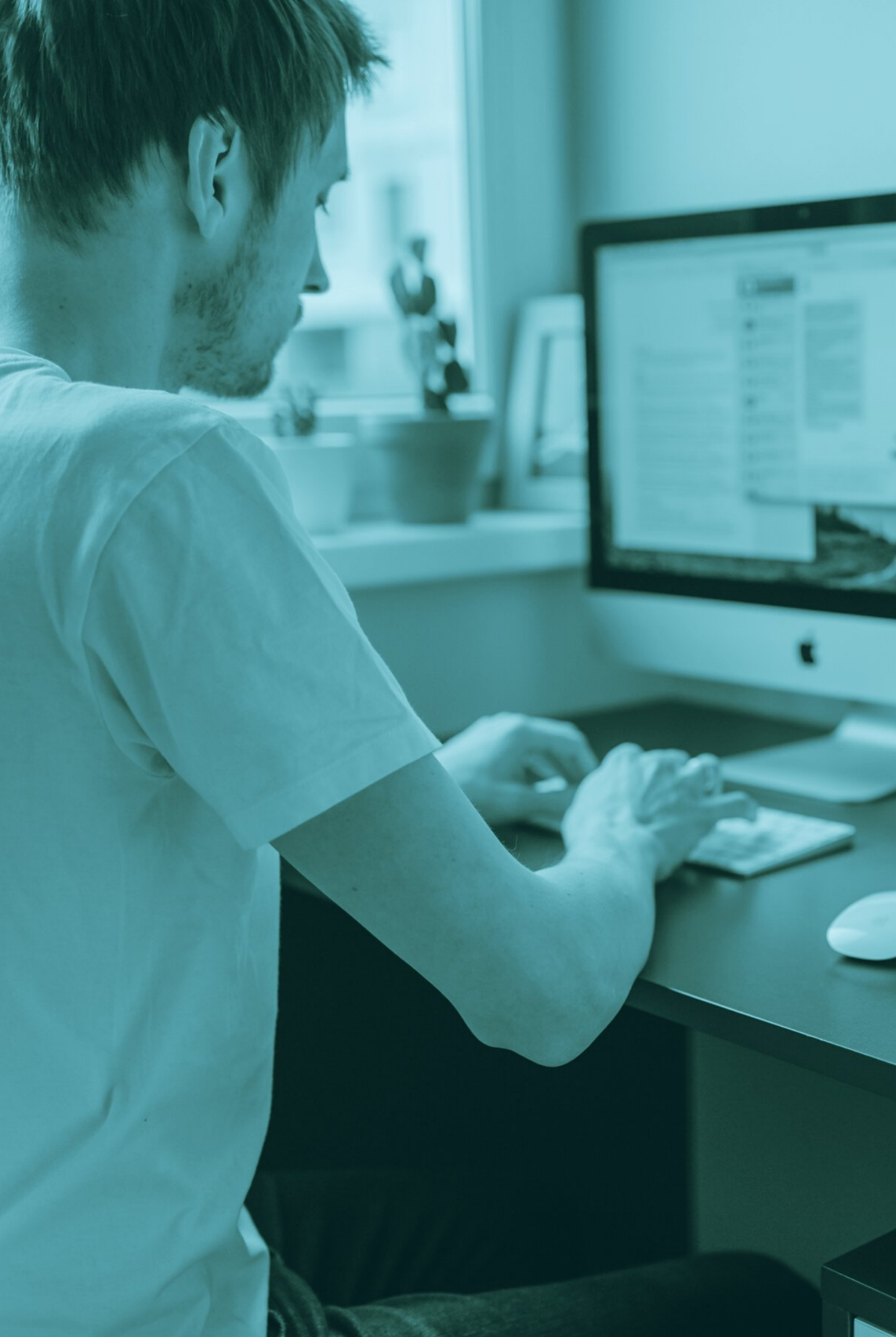


A stylized illustration of a desk setup. In the center is an open laptop with a teal screen and a dark keyboard. To the left of the laptop is a stack of three books in teal, orange, and teal. Below the books is a potted plant with long, pointed leaves in teal and orange, sitting in an orange pot. To the right of the laptop is a teal pen holder with a pink base, containing three pens in orange, teal, and orange. Above the laptop is a teal folder or notebook with a white border and a pattern of small white crosses. In the bottom right corner, there is a white computer monitor with a teal screen and a pink base.

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

# MANAGE YOUR ACTIVITY AND TIME TO BECOME A DATA SCIENTIST

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# Learning Data Science is Not Easy

## TIME HARDLY ON YOUR SIDE

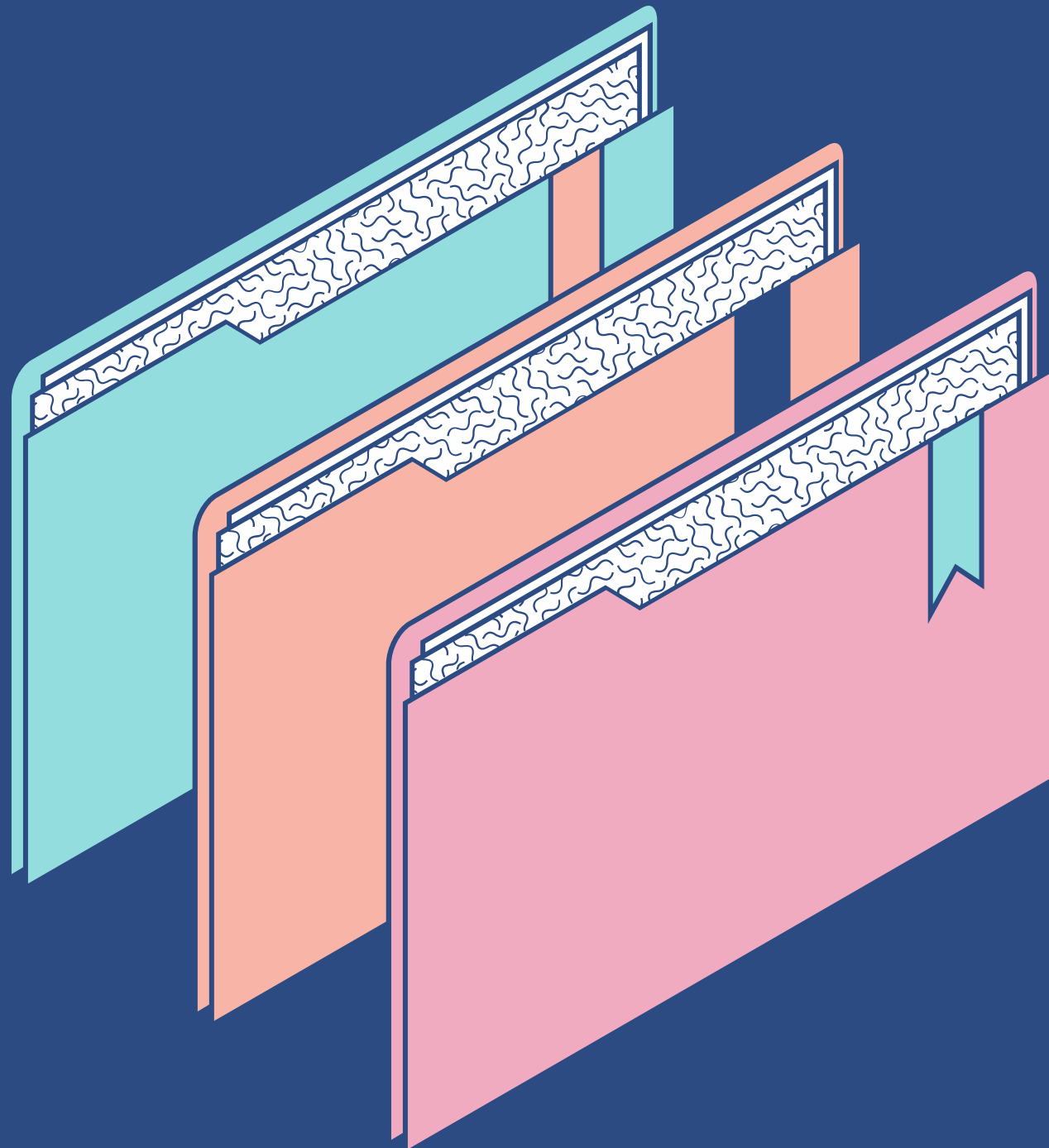
I have been in that position before; finding the right time to learn data science amidst future uncertainty after education time and looking for a job.

So, what do I do? I did not instantly become a Data Scientist when I graduate. Instead, I build up myself for the employment I want.

# HOW DO I MANAGE MY TIME TO BECOME A DATA SCIENTIST

I BREAK DOWN THE ACTIVITY  
ACCORDING TO MY CAREER SITUATION

- STUDENT
- UNEMPLOYED
- EMPLOYED



# Activity as a Student

HOW I MANAGE MY TIME AS A STUDENT TO  
BECOME DATA SCIENTIST

Just like any other student out there. I have many lessons to attend, many homework to turn in, and many thesis research to analyze. In my case, this is what I did.

## Research what I need to become a Data Scientist

At least twice a week at night, when I did not have much study workload, I would research about Data Science and what I need to become a Data Scientist.

## Relate my assignment to Data Science

When I have my lesson and homework, I will try to relate them to Data Science. e.g. I have homework to review biology journals; then, I would use a Data Science approach to do my homework by looking at the data.

## Create a portfolio of my thesis research as a Data Science research project

When I have my thesis, I will create a portfolio of my thesis research as a Data Science research project. This is because what I did is analyzing data, which is a valid Data Science project.





# Activity as an Unemployed

This is the time when uncertainty creeping in, and you would doubt everything you have learned.

However, I still keep holding on to that “**Data Dream**”. This is what I did to become a Data Scientist during my Unemployment time.

## Go to a calm place to studying Data Science

At least three times a week, I would go to a calm place to studying Data Science online courses and reading the upcoming data science article. My go-to place is the library close to my apartment, but any quiet and distraction-free is good.

## Trying to solve data science problem

Periodically trying to solve data science problem whether on Kaggle or training dataset that exists. I am set a target that I could “solve” the problem that might arise in the real world each month—for example, fraud detection or credit scoring.

## Attending Offline Data Science Bootcamp.

I would proudly say that I am a Data Scientist that is previously attending the Bootcamp. What makes me different from the other student is that I already prepare myself before joining this Bootcamp. My reason for joining the Bootcamp is to accelerate my programming skill and not the Data Science skill.

# Activity as an Employed

I am employed, but I still want to pave my way into the proper Data Scientist I want. The time-constrained is even more real during employment as I have an immense responsibility and limited time for myself. That is why I need to be more creative in strategizing my activity to become a Data Scientist. This is what I did to achieve that:

**1**

**Applying Data Science in any project within my work.**

I would try learning a new Data Science concept and applying it in my own work

**2**

**Create a new Data Science portfolio and updating my CV**

Once a month, I would create a new Data Science portfolio and updating my CV. I do this if any of the employment I want is open, and I did not miss the chance to become a Data Scientist

**3**

**Creating the connection**

My preparation to become a Data Scientist is coming fruitful because of the connection I made in a place that I never thought of. I get the Data Scientist job by a referral made from another Data Scientist in the same organization as me

Never doubt that you could become a Data Scientist, it takes abundant preparation and chances you carve by yourself.

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